



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Johnsons Farm Juggs Lane West Chiltington
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of storage building (retrospective)
REFERENCE:	DC/25/1686
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: From the officers' photos, it is apparent that the new structure is founded on a predominantly above-ground slab foundation. Given the retrospective nature of the application and the absence of any information on whether excavations were undertaken, and to what depth during the construction of the foundations, it is very challenging to ascertain what impact the works may or may not have had on the trees and hedging in the area. What is apparent is that the existing structure is likely sited within the Root Protection Area (RPA) of the trees and the section of hedging located along the northern boundary abutting Jugs Lane, which consists mostly of Hazel coppice and Holly. However, any potential damage sustained by the roots of the trees in the area during the build process would generally take several years to present symptoms, typically in the form of dieback in the affected trees.	
MAIN COMMENTS: N/A	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A	
NAME:	Andy Bush Arboricultural Officer
DEPARTMENT:	Strategic Planning (Specialist Team)
DATE:	04/12/25